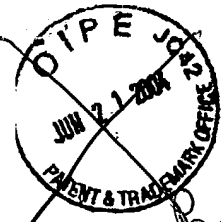


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In re Application of: )  
YUKINORI YAMAMOTO )  
Appln. No.: 09/501,590 )  
Filed: February 10, 2000 )  
For: DECODING APPARATUS AND )  
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MEDIUM STORING DECODING )  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 7.

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